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| DOCKET No.  | ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION |          | PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER | ART UNIT |
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| 05222.00181 | CLASS  | SUBCLASS | Unknown                    | Unknown  |

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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of the following pending prior international applications which designated the United States:

| APPLICATION No. | FILING DATE | TITLE   |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| PCT /US00/12449 | May 5, 2000 | A System, Method and Article of Manufacture for Creating Chat Rooms with Multiple Roles for Multiple Participants       |
| PCT/US00/12512  | May 5, 2000 | A System, Method and Article of Manufacture for Integrating Production Information into a Goal Based Educational System |

Note: 37 CFR 1.53(d) cannot be used to file a continuation or divisional application of an international application which has not entered the national stage.

| CLAIMS | (1) FOR  | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE | (5) CALCULATIONS |
|--------|--|------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|
|        | TOTAL CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(c))                               | 41 - 20 =        | 21               | X 18     | \$ 378.00        |
|        | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(b))                         | 6 - 3 =          | 3                | X 84     | 252.00           |
|        | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable)<br>(37 CFR 1.16(d))  |                  |                  | + 280    |                  |
|        | BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))                                     |                  |                  |          | 740.00           |
|        | Total of Above Calculations =                                  |                  |                  |          | 1,370.00         |
|        | Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27) |                  |                  |          |                  |
|        | TOTAL =  |                  |                  |          | \$ 1,370.00      |

- Enclosed are the specification (212 pages), 4 pages of 22 claims, 1 page of Abstract, and 74 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-99).
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-0850. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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4. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
"This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ division of international application number  
PCT/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ (status, abandoned, pending, etc.)."
5. ☒ A declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 is enclosed (unexecuted).
6. ☐ Priority of foreign application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in  
\_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).  
☐ The certified copy is enclosed.
7. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

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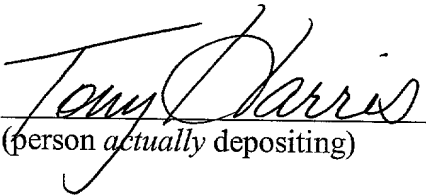
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